

It Is Unlawful To:

Possess or transport any live transgenic (genetically engineered) organisms or the following nonnative fish: bighead carp, black carp, silver carp, grass carp (white amur), members of the snakehead family (Channidae), bitterling, Ide, Japanese weatherfish, rudd, tench, Eurasian ruffe, tubenose goby, or round goby. To do so may result in civil fines up to \$10,000.

Import, plant or transplant live game fish including viable eggs of any game fish without permit.

Buy or sell fish or parts of fish, reptiles, amphibians, or crayfish taken under a sport fishing license.

Take fish for the sole purpose of removing the eggs.

Take or attempt to take freshwater mussels (clams or other bivalves) whether living or dead, including the shell or parts thereof (except zebra mussels) from any waters of the state except under provisions of a cultural or scientific investigation permit from the DNR.

Take, attempt to take, or possess, any threatened or endangered species, except as authorized by the DNR. For more information, see <http://web4.msue.msu.edu/mnfi/data/specialanimals.cfm>.

Possess or sell a multi-pointed hook with a weight permanently attached.

Possess illegally taken fish or mutilated fish that cannot be measured or identified.

Possess more than the Michigan limit when fishing in Michigan waters even if holding licenses from more than one state or province.

Commercially take, possess, or sell rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*) in Michigan.

Fish for any species or possess fishing devices along a stream closed to fishing.

Fish with your hands, firearms, explosives, crossbows, setlines, poisons, or methods other than lawful fishing methods.

Fish anywhere in a fish ladder or within 100 feet of a lamprey control weir.

Use a net to take a fish within 100 feet of a dam (you may use a landing net to secure a legally hooked fish).

Use a seine for any species other than minnows.

Use cast nets in any inland water.

Possess a spear, gaff, or bow/arrow along a trout stream at any time.

Shoot reptiles or amphibians with a firearm (including spring, air, or gas propelled).

Have a weight rigidly attached to a multi-pointed hook, or suspended from a multi-point hook.

Fish on a river, stream, or drowned river mouth (see Note 3, p. 6) using a weight suspended below any hook *unless* the hook is on a dropper line (a leader) that is at least 3" long.

Deposit litter, fish offal, or any foreign matter, in any waters of the state or on any lands, private or public.

Take or attempt to take fish outside of the open season for that species.

Commercially harvest wigglers from any state waters from June 1 - Sept. 1.

Snag fish or retain a fish not hooked in the mouth.

Possess largemouth or smallmouth bass during the catch and immediate release season, see p. 18.